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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/853,326
Filing Date	May 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Robert M. Martin
Art Unit	2834
Examiner Name	Dang D. Le
Attorney Docket Number	8138-PA01

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-4070
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 375.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	Katherine Proctor	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	31,468
Signature	<i>Katherine Proctor</i>	Date	January 21, 2003

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2002

Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)

375

**Complete if Known**

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**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None☒ Deposit Account:Deposit Account Number: 02-4070  
Deposit Account Name: Brown, Martin, Haller & McClain

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

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☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING FEE**

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 740	201 370	Utility filing fee	
106 330	206 165	Design filing fee	
107 510	207 255	Plant filing fee	
108 740	208 370	Reissue filing fee	
114 160	214 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

0

**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	-20** =	X	= 0
Independent Claims	-3** =	X	= 0
Multiple Dependent			= 0

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

0

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity | Small Entity

Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105 130		205 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50		227 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130		139 130		Non-English specification	
147 2,520		147 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112 920*		112 920*		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*		113 1,840*		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110		215 55		Extension for reply within first month	
116 400		216 200		Extension for reply within second month	
117 920		217 460		Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,440		218 720		Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,960		228 980		Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 320		219 160		Notice of Appeal	
120 320		220 160		Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 280		221 140		Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510		138 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110		240 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,280		241 640		Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,280		242 640		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 460		243 230		Design issue fee	
144 620		244 310		Plant issue fee	
122 130		122 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50		123 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126 180		126 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40		581 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 740		246 370		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149 740		249 370		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179 740		279 370		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	375
169 900		169 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$)

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